

Note: The 2000 Annual Fire Report on Research, Monitoring, and Inventory is the second expanded version of the four Annual Reports produced for the Mineral King Risk Reduction Project (MKRRP) from 1995 to 1998. It contains information about all research, inventory, and monitoring projects occurring in the Parks during 2000, including those associated with the MKRRP. Copies of all the reports are being made available by web browser over the Internet. Full copies of the 1995 through 2000 reports can be downloaded in Adobe Acrobat PDF format from the Fire Information Cache (see section on the Cache in this report) on the Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks web site at "www.nps.gov/seki/fire/indxfire.htm". If you do not have Internet access and would like to obtain one of the earlier reports from 1995 to 2000 contact Anthony Caprio at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Division of Science and Natural Resources Management, 47050 Generals Highway, Three Rivers, CA. 93271-9651.

<u>Cover Caption:</u> Prescribed fire in the understory of giant sequoias immediately after ignition. Part of the Bear Hill prescribed burn in the Hazelwood Drainage of Giant Forest, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks during late June 2001. The Bear Hill Burn was significant as the first prescribed burn in the western states following the NPS burn moratorium of 2000.